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SUBJECT: GOVERNOR GEORGE WALLACE'S OCTOBER VISIT

REF: STATE 192558

1. FCO ADVISES THAT GOVERNOR'S REQUEST TO MEET WITH PRIME MINISTER WILSON (REFTEL) HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO PM'S OFFICE BUT THAT NO DECISION IS EXPECTED BEFORE MID-SEPTEMBER, FOLLOWING WILSON'S RETURN FROM HOLIDAY.

2. FYI - FCO NOTED THAT GOVERNOR MADE SIMILAR REQUEST AND TRIP IN 1971, BUT WAS NOT RECEIVED BY PM OR FOREIGN SECRETARY. HE DID, HOWEVER, MEET WITH FCO MINISTER OF STATE. FCO SOURCE ALSO EXPRESSED SOME MISGIVINGS ABOUT APPEARING TO INTERVENE IN U.S. PRESIDENTIAL POLITICS AND SUGGESTED THAT WHILE GOVERNOR ENJOYS SOME SYMPATHY BECAUSE OF ATTEMPT ON HIS LIFE AND THAT HIS PRESS IN UK IS BETTER THAN IN 1971, HIS RECEPTION BY LABOR GOVERNMENT IS UNLIKELY TO BE SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF 1971 CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT. END FYI.

3. FOLLOWING SUGGESTED PROGRAM BASED ON ASSUMPTION GOVERNOR AND PARTY WILL ARRIVE EVENING OCTOBER 12, WITH PROGRAM BEGINNING OCTOBER 13 (U.S. HOLIDAY). EMBASSY BRIEFING, CHAIRED BY AMBASSADOR, 11:00 - 12:00; LUNCH, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FREE; MEET WITH HMG OFFICIALS (PROBABLY AT FCO) 14:30-

15:30; VISIT WESTMINSTER PALACE AT INVITATION CONSERVATIVE PARTY 15:30 - 16:00; MEET WITH CONSERVATIVE SHADOW CABINET REPRESENTATIVE 16:00 - 17:00; AND FREE EVENING. THERE IS POSSIBILITY THAT LONDON DEMOCRATIC PARTY ORGANIZATION WILL WISH TO HOST FUNCTION IN EVENING. OCTOBER 14: POLITICAL DISCUSSION WITH BOW GROUP, 11:00 - 12:30; LUNCHEON HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR, 13:00 - 14:30; DEPART LONDON. THESE EVENTS HAVE NOT BEEN DISCUSSED WITH GOVERNMENT OR PARTY OFFICIALS AS ACTUAL PROGRAM WILL DEPEND ON DATE/TIME OF ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE.

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